

REMARKS

Claims 53-92 and 103-108 are pending in this application.

By this Amendment, claim 53 has been amended to correct a typographic error and claims 93-102 and 109-112 have been canceled. No new matter is added by this Amendment.

I. Restriction Requirement

The Quayle Action alleges that newly submitted claims 93-102 and 109-112 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. Specifically, claims 93-102 and 109-112 are allegedly of the same scope as the non-elected claims from the election filed August 20, 2002.

Applicants hereby cancel claims 93-102 and 109-112.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants submit the requirements of the Patent Office have been met.

II. Objections

The Office Action objected to claim 53 because in line 8, "D₂₁" should be "D₂". Applicants hereby amend claim 53 to correct this informality. Applicants submit that amended claim 53 meets the requirements of the Patent Office.

For the foregoing reason, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 53 - 92 and 103 - 108 were allowed.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 53 - 92 and 103 - 108 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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